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#### GENERAL HOMEMAKING

- 1. To gain a broad understanding of the major phases of homemaking.
- 2. To appreciate those factors that make for happy family life.
- 3. To participate in home activities as members of the family group.
- 4. To develop and maintain optimum physical and mental health.
- 5. To learn to buy wisely and use intelligently farm and home resources to the end that the family income may be well utilized and family goals attained.
- 6. To develop those housekeeping skills and managerial abilities that make for a comfortable, satisfying home.
- 7. To attain the desirable individual and social satisfactions that are involved in homemaking.

## FOOD PREPARATION

- 1. To gain an understanding of the signs of good growth and nutrition, a knowledge of the food needs of different age groups, and also a knowledge of wholesome foods, their preparation and combination, in order that they may be able to select diets that are adequate.
- 2. To improve personal food habits.
- 3. To develop skill in the preparation of food and in the planning and serving of meals.
- 4. To effect a better distribution of expenditures through a study of food costs.
- 5. To attain a more enjoyable life and a more attractive personality through the maintenance of positive health.

#### FOOD PRESERVATION

- 1. To acquire the knowledge and to develop the skills essential to successful preservation of fruits, vegetables, and meats.
- 2. To take an active part in canning for the family.
- 3. To appreciate the importance of fruits and vegetables in the diet and to increase their use during the winter months.
- 4. To utilize surplus products raised on the farm.
- 5. To secure a more varied, well-balanced diet and reduce cash expenditures for food by the use of a family food plan.

#### CLOTHING

- 1. To be appropriately, becomingly, healthfully, and economically dressed at all times.
- 2. To develop grace, poise, good posture, and the habits of good grooming.
- 3. To develop the skills and knowledges necessary to plan, select, construct, and assemble suitable costumes for various occasions.
- 4. To "know themselves" in order to choose clothing which is most suitable to their type and most expressive of their personality.

## HOME GROUNDS BEAUTIFICATION

- 1. To make their home surroundings more attractive and to develop a feeling of pride and joy in their homes.
- 2. To appreciate the natural beauties of their own environment in the open country.
- 3. To develop happy family relationships through working with the other members of the family in beautifying their home grounds.
- 4. To gain a knowledge of plant materials and their artistic uses.
- 5. To plant and care for native and other shrubs and flowers.

## RURAL ELECTRIFICATION

- 1. To study with other members of the club the values of electricity to the community, whether or not it is now available
- 2. To determine the practical uses for electricity on their farms and in their homes. This includes a study of the economics of the farm and home operating schedule and of electrical equipment which can best fit into that program.
- 3. To develop an understanding of how electricity may be used to produce efficiently light, heat, and power for the farm and home. This includes a knowledge of the principles of good lighting and efficient use of electrical equipment.
- 4. To add to the conveniences and efficiency of the farm or home by carrying out an electrical improvement and discussing the significance of this improvement with the 4-H Club.

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